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1. SVENSKA DAGBLADET EDITORIAL MAY 24 ON BRZEZINSKI EAST ASIA
TRIP:

2. "... (SINO-AMERICAN) RELATIONS HAVE GENERALLY COME TO A
STANDSTILL AND CARTER'S PASSIVITY HAS BEEN NOTABLE. THE VISIT
TO PEKING MADE LAST SUMMER BY SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE HAS BEEN
CALLED A STEP BACKWARDS BY TENG HSIAO-PING. WITH HIS TOUGHER
ATTITUDE TOWARDS MOSCOW, BRZEZINSKI SHOULD HAVE BETTER QUALIFICATIONS
AS AN EMISSARY. THE TIMING OF THE VISIT SHOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN
ESPECIALLY SUITABLE FROM AN AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW. MANY OBSERVERS
HAVE ASKED WHY WASHINGTON HAS NOT USED THE CHINESE CARD IN A BETTER
WAY IN THE CONSTANT TRIANGULAR GAME TO GET MOSCOW TO CUT
DOWN ITS ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. BRZEZINSKI'S HINTS ON A
CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA MAY BE A LINK IN SUCH A STRATEGY.
THE CHANCES OF A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WILL, HOWEVER, BE LIMITED
AS LONG AS THE GREAT OBSTACLE FOR REAL PROGRESS IS STILL
THERE: THE US'S REFUSAL TO TAKE ITS HAND AWAY FROM TAIWAN,
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THE OTHER CHINA. AT LEAST SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE ALSO
SEEMS TO HOLD THE VIEW THAT A NEW SALT AGREEMENT IS AN
INTEREST SUPERSEDING PRACTICALLY ALL OTHERS...."
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